



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

29 January 2021

Kieran Walsh
Our Ref FOI/Req/21/001

Dear Mr. Walsh,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

“ All records held by this department as they relate to the provision of contracts for ‘public relations’ or ‘crisis management’ or ‘press work’ in 2020 ”

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 12 January 2021 as well as correspondence sent to you on 19 January 2021, 21 January 2021 and 25 January 2021.

I have identified no records that fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I must refuse your request under Section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act 2014 which states that the release of a record may be refused where “the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken”.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30, (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or 01-4082618.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

Flannan Gleeson